

Canterbury, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
Concord NH Micro-NECTA
Merrimack Valley
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

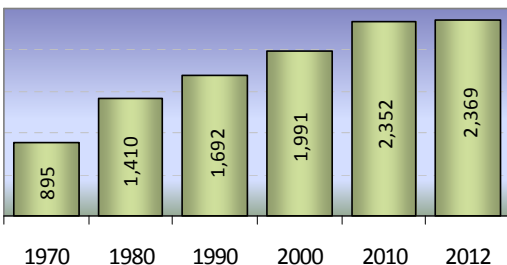
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Merrimack County Districts 9, 26

Incorporated: 1741

Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury Shaker Village was first established in 1792, a self-contained community of the United Society of Believers, known as the Shaking Quakers or Shakers, because of their use of dance in worship. Today, the Canterbury Shaker Village is an outdoor museum and designated National Historic Landmark.

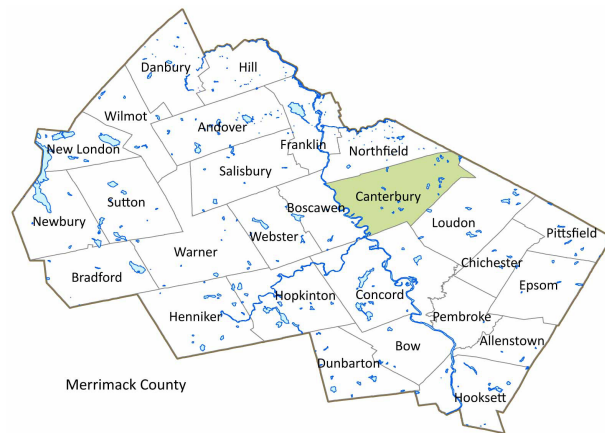
Villages and Place Names: Boyce, Canterbury Station, Canterbury Center, Hills Corner, Kezer Seminary, Shaker Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,038 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Canterbury totaled 1,695 over 52 years, from 674 in 1960 to 2,369 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the total population change. The 2012 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,369 residents, which ranked 126th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 54.0 persons per square mile of land area. Canterbury contains 43.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$2,595,677		
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/11		
Master Plan	2010		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Recycling; Agriculture

Public Library **Elkins Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Concord Hospital, Concord	14 miles	237	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop; Concord Electric		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.83
2012 Equalization Ratio		100.0
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.55
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings		91.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings		6.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.6%

HOUSING	(ACS 2007-2011)
Total Housing Units	1,023
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	941
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	54
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	28

DEMOGRAPHICS		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2012	2,369	146,761	
2010	2,352	146,445	
2000	1,991	136,716	
1990	1,692	120,618	
1980	1,410	98,302	
1970	895	80,925	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender			
Male	1,161	Female	1,297

Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	150		
Age 5 to 19	452		
Age 20 to 34	273		
Age 35 to 54	827		
Age 55 to 64	434		
Age 65 and over	322		
Median Age	44.7 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	96.0%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.7%		

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$	(ACS 2007-2011)
Per capita income	\$35,516
Median 4-person family income	\$83,882
Median household income	\$79,453
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$57,961
Female	\$38,816
Families below the poverty level	0.8%

LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2002	2012	
Civilian labor force	1,280	1,421	
Employed	1,238	1,367	
Unemployed	42	54	
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	56	23	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 479	\$ 556	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	172	193	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 543	\$ 675	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	229	216	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 527	\$ 662	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	76	67	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 402	\$ 603	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	304	283	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 496	\$ 648	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Shaker Regional (Belmont, Canterbury)** District: **SAU 80**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Agricultural Programs, Tilton** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K 1-5			1-8
Total Enrollment	122			22

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **33**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Canterbury Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant		
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	
Dumpster Depot	Garbage collection		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **106, 132**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 18**
 Distance **Local access**

Railroad **State owned line**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Concord Municipal Runway **6,005 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **35 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **29 miles**
 Portland, Maine **122 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **80 miles**
 New York City, NY **285 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **246 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **78.1%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **10.3%**
 Public transportation **0.0%**
 Walked **2.1%**
 Other means **2.9%**
 Worked at home **6.6%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **26.0 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011

Working in community of residence **71.3**
 Commuting to another NH community **22.6**
 Commuting out-of-state **6.1**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 X Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions
 X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
 Fishing/Hunting
 Boating/Marinas
 Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing
 Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps
 Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**
 Other: **Shaker Village**